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DATE: June 10, 2002

TO: ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> Ventilating Fan Partners and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Andrew Fanara, Product Manager

RE: Notice to Delay by Six Months the July 2002 Lighting and Warranty Requirements for ENERGY STAR Qualifying Ventilating Fans

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This correspondence is provided to inform partners and other interested parties that EPA is exercising its right to delay by six months the lighting and warranty requirements for ventilating fans scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2002. Please note the current requirements as outlined in Sections 2.A.1.a, 2.A.1.b, and 2.B.1 of the Partnership Agreement will remain in effect through **December 31, 2002.**

The six-month extension has been allotted for two reasons. First, the Ventilating Fan specification references the Residential Light Fixture requirements, which were recently updated and released on April 1, 2002. (See Section 2.A.1.c.2 of the Ventilating Fans Eligibility Criteria.) EPA does not feel three months (April 1 to July 1) is sufficient time for partners to locate and incorporate qualifying fixtures into their ventilating fan models with a light source. Our market research indicates nine months is adequate and thus the lighting requirement will take effect on January 1, 2003. Second, due to several recent stakeholder inquiries, EPA wants to take this opportunity to review the specifications in general and make any necessary adjustments prior to January 1, 2003.

Manufacturers and their representatives are encouraged to submit suggestions for enhancing the Ventilating Fan specifications. As it has been a year since the fan specifications were introduced, EPA wants to be sure that they continue to accurately reflect the most efficient models on the market. To that end, EPA is exploring enhancements or modifications to the specifications and welcomes your input. Please feel free to contact me at (202) 564-9019 to schedule a meeting or if you would like to send information to me, please fax me at (202) 565-2077 or e-mail me at [fanara.andrew@epa.gov](mailto:fanara.andrew@epa.gov). **A draft outlining any proposed changes will be prepared over the next two months and shared with industry for review and comment.**

Communication between EPA and partners/stakeholders will be handled similarly to other program initiatives. EPA will post relevant information about Ventilating Fans, including draft specifications, meeting announcements, meeting summaries, and other forms of communication, on the Product Development portion of the ENERGY STAR Web site at <http://yosemite1.epa.gov/estar/consumers.nsf/content/productsindex.htm>.

Thank you for your attention and ongoing support of ENERGY STAR.